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FROM: Chief, Foreign Branch II

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SUBJECT: GENERAL: Hungarian Bridges Possibly Connected with Odessa
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REFERENCE: NARA 8226, RONA 2084

1. We wish to call your attention to the information contained in RONA 2084, inasmuch as it sheds some light on the activities of several Hungarians who are known to be connected with Odessa. We should like to know, as requested in NARA 8226, whether Gen. Andreas ZAKO (referred to as Gen. ZAKO in RONA 2084) is in any way working with Odessa. In view of the nature of conflicting information on all of these Hungarian espionage personalities, their alliances, their close and penetrated networks, etc., we should also be interested in learning such details as you may be able to provide on their possible connections with Odessa.

2. We have considerable material here in our files on Gen. Andreas ZAKO, alias Istvan ADYAKS, the former G-2 of the Hungarian General Staff. Reports of the past year have linked him with the British and French Intelligence Services, the U.S. and Odessa, and indicate that he has attempted to sell the services of his intelligence network to all who would listen. He approached the British station in June 1944 with elaborate plans for intelligence coverage of Hungary, which were turned down. We have examined occasional examples of the ZAKO intelligence material which have appeared here, and have found them to be of little value. Recent reports indicate that his network is thoroughly blown and that many of the couriers to Hungary have been lost. Source [] reported recently that ZAKO's group is known to be penetrated by members of the Hungarian State Defense Department, and that the French IS recently arrested a number of Hungarians in that category.

3. Thron was reported as early as Mar 48 as a possible Nazi agent. Source [] reported at that time that Ferenc KOVACS and one Kalman Salafino (has since come to the US) were running a network in Hungary for the Germans, backed by the Americans. We have received several more recent reports, in addition to RONA 2084, that Ferenc KOVACS was at one time working with Odessa. It is possible that he was working with Odessa right from ZAKO, or that he was acting as an out-out between Odessa and ZAKO.

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